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SUBJ: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR U.S. VISIT, PRESIDENT

OF SPANISH ASSOCIATION IN FLIGHT AGAINST FRAUD

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR PLANNED MARCH 3-9 U.S. VISIT OF JOSE MARIA DEL REY VILLAVERDE, PRESIDENT OF ASOCIACION PARA LA LUCHA CONTRA EL FRAUDE (ASSOCIATION IN FLIGHT AGAINST FRAUD). DEL REY WILL BE ACCCOMPANIED BY JOURANLIST ANTONIO SANCHEZ-GIJON, BOTH TRAVELING AT REQUEST OF MADRID CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

2. DEL REY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES INVOLVED IN CONSUMER AFFAIRS. REQUESTS MEETING WITH HAZEL HENDERSON AND OTHER MEMBERS OF ADVISORY COUNCIL, OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT, U.S. CONGRESS. PLANS INTERVIEWS WITH LEADING AMERICANS IN CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOR PUBLICATION IN ABC, MADRID DAILY, AND FOR TVE, SPANISH NATIONAL TELEVISION.

3. FOR DEPATMMENT INFO: DEL REY IN CONTACT WITH RALPH NADER ORGANIZATION AND PLANS NADER INTERVIEW FOR TVE PROGRAM "35 MILLONES DE ESPANOLES." REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT THEODORE JACOB, NADER DEPUTY, CONFIRM THAT PART OF VISIT.

4. DEL REY, WELL-KNOWN LEADER IN SPANISH CONSUMER MOVEMENT, OFTEN CALLED "RALPH NADER" OF SPAIN. REQUEST DEPARTMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFIRM ABLE ASSIST DEL REY IN WASHINGTON VISIT, APPROXIMATELY

MARCH 3-7 AND POSSIBLE NEW YORK VISIT, 8-9.

5. DEL REY BIO-DATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: JOSE MARIA DEL REY VILLAVERDE

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: SPAIN 1932

CITIZENSHIP: SPANISH

MAILING ADDRESS: ALMIRANTE, 1, MADRID 4

ACADEMIC TRAINING: LAW DEGREE

PRESENT POSITION: SECRETARY GENERAL OF SPANISH FINANCIERS

ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION IN FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD

TRAVELS ABROAD: EUROPE AND U.S. (NEW YORK)

LANGUAGES: SPANISH; HAS GOOD FRENCH AND POOR ENGLISH

6. SNACHEZ GIJON BIO-DATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: ANTONIO SANCHEZ GIJON

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: CADIZ, SPAIN, JUNE 7,1936

CITIZENSHIP: SPANISH

MAILING ADDRESS: CIUDAD DE LOS PERIODISTAS, EDIFICIO

AZORIN (PORTAL 3, 11-B) MADRID-34

ACADEMIC TRAINING: UNIVERSITY JOURNALISM GRADUATE

PRESENT POSITION: FREE-LANCE JOURNALIST

PUBLICATIONS: NUMEROUS ARTICLES AND VARIOUS BOOKS ON

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

TRAVELS ABROAD: EUROPE AND U.S. (SHORT VISITS).

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